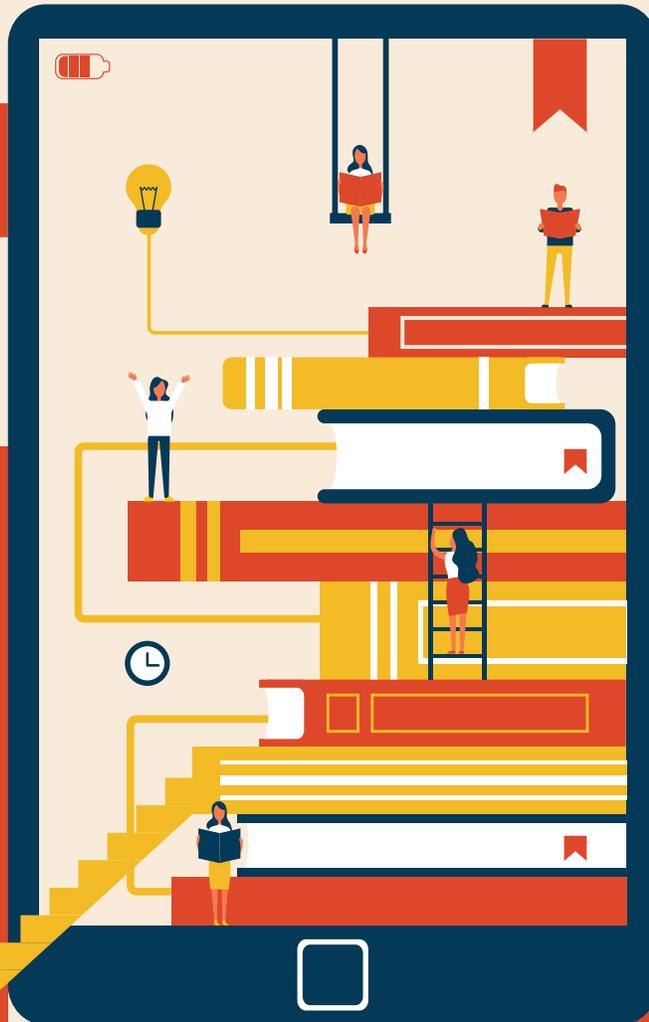


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Message from Heidi Smith, Library Director

I want to share a story with you.



Jennifer is 12 years old, and she loves books. By love, I mean she reads books by the ton! She reads to explore new worlds. She reads to learn new things. Sometimes, Jenny reads to help her get through the day. (Remember, it can be tough to be 12!) She will tell you that the books she reads make her stronger in many ways. Even at 12, Jenny understands

how her life is enriched by the books she reads, and she wrote to us to let us know.

Every day in Park Ridge and public libraries everywhere, people of all ages connect with new ideas and perspectives through great books and find comfort and inspiration in them as well. Have you ever read something that made you stronger? Made you feel better? Changed you? **Libraries transform lives.**

Name was changed to protect the privacy of the individual sharing this story.

Our goal is to have this kind of impact in our community while making the most of your investment in the Library, and we can't do it without your help and support. Last year, volunteers donated a staggering 3,115 hours of service, not including nine volunteer trustees who donate their time to govern the Library. In addition, the Friends of the Library and donors supported the work of the library with financial donations. Many others supported this work by sharing their story, just like Jennifer.

We will continue to work to increase the value of your investment in the Park Ridge Public Library. Please share your story, not only with us, but also with your friends and neighbors. Jenny wrote, "It's not just a building, it is a whole new world. The Library is my second home. I love it here." **Thank you for investing in your community; we look forward to hearing from you!**

Heidi Smith – Library Director
librarydirector@prpl.org



What is the value of your Library card:
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The more you use your card—the more you save! To see the value of your Library card, use our Library Card Value Calculator at:
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*Values based on the average cost of materials and services originally provided by the Massachusetts Library Association and updated by the Maine State Library.

BY THE NUMBERS

92% OF PARENTS

WHO COMPLETED THE SUMMER READING CLUB SURVEY SAID THE PROGRAM HELPED MOTIVATE THEIR CHILD TO READ

396,540 VISITS

10.6 VISITS PER PARK RIDGE RESIDENT—ALMOST 2X ILLINOIS AVERAGE & 2.5X THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

763,145

ITEMS BORROWED

20.4 ITEMS PER PARK RIDGE RESIDENT—MORE THAN 2X ILLINOIS AVERAGE & ALMOST 3X THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

17,636 PEOPLE ENGAGED THROUGH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

28,110 PEOPLE ATTENDED PROGRAMS

245,317 WEBSITE VISITS

47,628 WIFI SESSIONS

THE NUMBERS ABOVE WERE COLLECTED FROM MAY 2017 – APRIL 2018

56,235 Number of days kids spent time reading in the Summer and Winter Reading Clubs



Your Library Card = ACCESS TO CURATED INFORMATION

We live in an age of information overload, where we can access data from almost anywhere with a few clicks on our keyboard, tablet or smartphone. While the average Google search nets five million hits, how do you find the right answer? When almost one million books are published each year in the U.S. alone, how do you decide which to read? If you want to learn more about your community, where do you go?

Whether you are looking for a book recommendation, researching a topic or discovering what the community has to offer, the Library provides curated information that reflects the needs and interests of Park Ridge.

Go to www.parkridgelibrary/access and click on the bold links in the article to connect to a world of information.



LIBRARIANS ARE THE ULTIMATE SEARCH ENGINE

Separating fact from fiction poses a unique challenge in the internet era. We can help you locate the most accurate and up-to-date information available, whether it's online, in one of our **60+ databases** or even in a book. If we don't have the book available, we'll request it through the **Interlibrary Loan Service** from libraries worldwide. We'll also help you find your next great read with our new **Book Match** program.



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YOUR CHILD HAS SURPASSED YOUR ALGEBRA ABILITY AND NEEDS HELP

With **Tutor.com** students can chat with a live tutor daily from 3 to 10 PM or use the Skills Center 24/7. Tutors who are experts in math, science, writing and social studies provide one on one tutoring so that your student can complete the paper or homework assignment that's due tomorrow—**Today!**



YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF YOUR 100-YEAR-OLD HOUSE

The best place to learn about Park Ridge history is the Library. We are the sole source for more than 286,000 pages of searchable, **digitized community newspaper archives**—some dating back to 1889. And through our **Heritage collection**, we provide local history buffs with a unique collection of city directories, phone books and yearbooks focusing on Park Ridge.



Renovation Update

Renovation 2018 is on target for completion within the six to eight month time frame originally projected. Phase 1 has been completed and Phase 2 is well underway. While the Library's "new look" is starting to take shape, some elements including furniture and the Quiet Room fireplace won't be in place until all the collections are housed in their permanent home at the end of Phase 3. Our staff and the construction company are working to keep inconvenience to a minimum.

In the end we know it will be worth it.



What You Can Expect During Phase 2 – Summer/Fall

- New and Most Wanted books (fiction and nonfiction), Book Discussion sets and DVD/Blu-Rays are in the first floor meeting room. A staff member will be there to assist you.
- Older Fiction will be on carts, consolidated on the new Nonfiction shelves and in the Quiet Reading Room.
- Teen Services and collections will be in a special area of Children's Services.
- Study Rooms will not be available.
- The new Media Lab will temporarily house public computers.
- The Media Lab equipment, typewriter, low-vision equipment and microfilm viewer are not available.
- Seating will be limited.
- The Library Director and Business Office will be temporarily located on the third floor.
Visitors please stop at Circulation prior to coming upstairs.
- The renovated second floor bathrooms are now open.



QUIET READING ROOM



ADULT FICTION

What You Can Expect in Phase 3— Fall/Late 2018

- The entire first floor is closed.
- The Library entrance will be located on the second floor.
- Circulation will be near the second floor entrance.
- The Children's Department will be located in the Quiet Reading Room.
- New columns will be installed at the Prospect Avenue entrance.
- As an added convenience, parking lot pick-up for call ahead holds will be available.

Getting to Know...John Priala: Facility Manager



John Priala, an affable force who ensures that everything is working behind the scenes joined the Library in March of 2016. With a B.B.A. in International Business/Trade/Commerce from the Romanian Academy of Management, John previously worked for a Design-Build-Property Management company, managing a portfolio of multiple commercial and residential properties for 10 years.

How is working for a Library different?

In a library environment, the majority of work must be done behind the scenes, as to not disturb the patrons and their library experience. Especially during this major renovation project, we have to find the best ways to accommodate not only patrons, but also the staff and the collections.

What is your favorite thing about working at the Library?

Being a part of a team that is dedicated to serving the community. Whether we are hosting a storytime program, an event on the lawn, or accommodating an outside speech or presentation, I enjoy bringing this experience to life.

Who is your hero? Why?

My father taught me the work ethics and resilience I need to succeed. He helped me become the person I am today.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

My proudest accomplishment is my son, Alexander. As an honor-roll high school student, he participated in a student exchange program this summer. He is very passionate about computers and technology.

What makes you laugh the most?

My wife always knows how to make me laugh. She's a sweetheart, and can find the best of any situation.

How would your friends describe you?

Loyal, honest, and fun to be around.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy traveling, exploring the outdoors and fishing. My ideal vacation is a trip visiting historical landmarks from lost civilizations.



Programs

Register for programs at the Reader Service's desk, by phone at **847.720.3280** or online at: **www.parkridgelibrary.org**. Admission is free to Park Ridge Library cardholders. * = \$5.00 non-refundable fee for non-Park Ridge Library cardholders.

As the Library renovation continues this fall, we will continue to hold some programs offsite. **Please make note of the locations and the registration requirements and join us about town!**

Tabletop Game Nights

Thursdays, September 20 and October 18 | 6:30 p.m.

The Harp & Fiddle, 110 Main St., Park Ridge

Join your friends and neighbors as we break out your favorite tabletop games. Have a laugh and learn something new! **For adults only.** Games sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Drop in.

Chair Yoga*

Wednesdays, September 26 and October 31 | 2:00 p.m.

**Park Ridge Public Works Center
400 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge**

Joan McGee of Sun and Moon Yoga returns to offer the perfect mid-afternoon break. Stretch and breathe your way to renewed energy in this gentle yoga class. *No experience necessary. Seating limited to 50. Register.*

Open Knitting & Crocheting Nights

Monday, October 1 | 7:00 p.m.

**Park Ridge Community Church
100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge**

Join the Park Ridge Fiber Artists for an open knitting session! Bring your own knitting or crocheting supplies. *Drop in.*

Costumed Pet Parade | All Ages

Saturday, October 6

11 – 11:45 a.m. in front of the Library

NEW!

Library Pub Quiz

Tuesdays, September 25 and October 23 | 6:30 p.m.

The Harp & Fiddle, 110 Main St., Park Ridge

Are you a books and movie buff? Do you have a head full of trivial knowledge? Show off your expertise and earn prizes by joining a team for the Library Pub Quiz! *Register.*





Are you in a reading rut? Overwhelmed by all the choices? Want to discover new authors? We can help!

INTRODUCING BOOK MATCH!

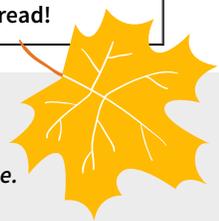
Tell us your reading preferences and our Reader Services staff will suggest 3 to 5 titles we think you will enjoy.

Fill out the form online (<https://www.parkridgelibrary.org/book-match-adult/>) or pick one up at the Library, and we'll respond with a personalized book list just for you. We will also put the books on hold if you'd like.

Let us help you discover your next great read!

Book Discussion Groups

While the Library renovation continues this fall, we will be holding our Book Discussions at **The Harp and Fiddle, 110 Main Street in Park Ridge**. Books are available at the Reader Services Desk two weeks before the discussion. Registration required.



Thursday Morning Book Discussion



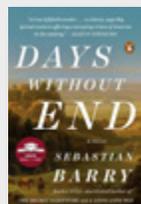
Manhattan Beach

by Jennifer Egan

**Thursday, September 13 or 27
11:15 a.m.**

A noir thriller about the first female diver during WWII, the father who disappeared, and the dangerous man who might know where he's gone.

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion



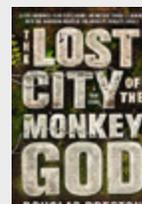
Days Without End

by Sebastian Barry

**Wednesday, September 12
7:00 p.m.**

A survivor of Ireland's Great Famine and recent immigrant to the U.S., Thomas joins the U.S. Army in 1851 and experiences the ravages of war and the depths of friendship and love.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

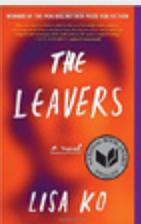


The Lost City of the Monkey God

by Douglas Preston

**Friday, September 7
11:15 a.m.**

A 500-year-old legend, an ancient curse, a stunning medical mystery and a pioneering journey into the unknown heart of the world's densest jungle.



The Leavers

by Lisa Ko

**Thursday, October 11 or 25
11:15 a.m.**

The story of how one boy comes into his own when everything he's loved has been taken away— and how a mother learns to live with the mistakes of her past.



An Unnecessary Woman

by Rabih Alameddine

**Wednesday, October 10
7:00 p.m.**

Aaliya Sohbi lives in Beirut, yearly translating a new book she loves into Arabic as her thoughts range over her own life and the chaotic history of her city.

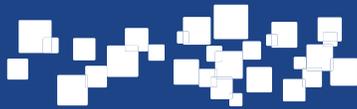


Iron Curtain

by Anne Applebaum

**Friday, October 5
11:15 a.m.**

A groundbreaking history of how the Communist regimes of Eastern Europe were created after WWII and what daily life was like once they were complete.



Middle School & High School Programs, Grades 6 – 12

Register for programs at any service desk, by phone at **847.825.4527** or online at: **www.parkridgelibrary.org**.

Your new Teen Loft is coming soon! **In the meantime, Teen Services and collections will be temporarily located in a special area of the Children's Services Department.**

Unless otherwise noted, programs will be held either in the Children's Services Department or in the new Teen Loft once it has opened.

Please check in at the Children's Services Desk for program location information.

Volunteer Opportunities

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Fridays | 3 – 6:00 p.m.

Help make handmade cards that will bring a smile to the face of a hospitalized child.

Service hours available. Drop in.

DIY Animal Shelter Toys

Wednesday, September 26 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us while we make cat wands, dog tug toys, and no-sew beds for animals at a shelter.

Service hours available. Max: 10.

Project Linus

Monday, October 15 | 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Make fleece tie blankets for Project Linus, an organization that donates blankets to children in need. No sewing involved. *Service hours available. Max: 10.*

Middle School Only

Family Book Discussion: *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Grades 4 – 8 with one or more adult

Thursday, October 11 | 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Special Location: *Maine Park Leisure Center 2701 W. Sibley Ave.*

We invite young readers along with one or more adults to read this book together and share their experiences. Pizza will be served. Visit the Children's Services Department to check out your copy of the book. *Registration begins September 1. Max: 10 kids with adults.*

After Hours Murder Mystery Party

Friday, October 19 | 5:45 – 7:15 p.m.

Do you like to role play and solve mysteries? Join us after hours in the Library for a murder mystery party! *Max: 20.*

Pizza & Pages: Middle School Edition

Tuesday, September 18 and October 23
2 – 3:00 p.m.

Off-site location TBA

Join us for pizza and a chance to share your current favorite books. *Max: 10.*



Middle School & High School

Teen Board Game Night

Wednesday, September 5 and October 3
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Get ready to game! Play Exploding Kittens, Codenames, 5 Second Rule, Catan, and more! *No need to know the rules in advance. Max: 10.*

Manga & Anime Club

Tuesday, October 9 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Discuss your current manga and anime obsessions and get recommendations from other fans. *Snacks will be served. Max: 10.*

Teen Advisory Board

Monday, October 1 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Decorate the Loft for Halloween! *Max: 15.*

High School Only

Pizza & Pages: High School Edition

Wednesday, September 12 and October 10
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Off-site location TBA

Join us for pizza and a chance to share your current favorite books.

Max: 10.



NEW Teen Loft Coming Soon!



Starbucks Book Discussion

Your first drink is on us! We'll meet in the Reading Garden outside the Library.

Copies of the book will be available at the Children's Services Desk. Register. Max: 5.



Middle School



Lily and Dunkin

by Donna Gephart

Thursday, September 27

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Lily McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. Dunkin Dorfman is dealing with bipolar disorder. One summer morning, Lily meets Dunkin, and their lives forever change.



Illegal

by Eoin Colfer

Thursday, October 25

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Ebo is alone in Ghana and his brother, Kwame, has disappeared. Ebo sets out after Kwame with the hope of reuniting with his family.

High School



Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card by Sara Saedi

Wednesday, October 17

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Sara keeps a diary of life as an Iranian American and her discovery that she and her family entered as undocumented immigrants.

LGBTQ Book Club - Grades 8 – 12

NEW! *For LGBTQ teens and their allies*



If I Was Your Girl

by Meredith Russo

Tuesday, October 9

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Amanda wants to fit in at her new school, but is keeping a big secret—including her previous life as Andrew.



Programs

The following programs are for children and their caregivers. Register at any service desk, by phone at **847.825.4527** or online at: **www.parkridgelibrary.org**.

During Phase 3 of the Library renovation, **Children's Services will be temporarily relocated to the 2nd floor. Programs will be held on the 2nd floor or at offsite locations** (read more in the *Renovation Update story on page 4*). Please check our website or call 847-825-4527 for the latest updates and program information.

Drop In Storytimes

Unless otherwise noted, storytimes will be held in the Children's Department.



Mondays

All Ages Storytime
September 10 – October 15
 11 – 11:25 a.m.

Tuesdays

Baby Storytime | Up to 12 months
September 11 – October 16
 9:15 – 9:50 a.m.
Siblings welcome.

Teddy Bear Time | 12 to 24 months
September 11, 18 & 25 and October 9 & 23
Special Location: O'Connor Community Building at Prospect Park, 733 N. Prospect Ave.
 11 – 11:35 a.m.
Siblings welcome.

Wednesdays

All Ages Storytime
September 12 – October 17
 9:30 – 9:55 a.m.

Pajama Storytime
September 19 & October 17
 7 – 7:25 p.m.
 Wear your p.j.'s and join us in the Children's Department for an all ages storytime!

Thursdays

All Ages Storytime
September 13 – October 18
 9:30 – 9:55 a.m.

Saturdays

2nd Saturday Family Storytime
September 8 & October 13
 10 – 10:30 a.m.



Early Childhood Program

STEAM Starts | Ages 2 – 6
Friday, October 12
10 – 11:00 a.m.

2nd Floor

Join us for self-guided exploration of science, technology, engineering, art, math and reading!
Drop in.

School Age Programs

Book Bites | Grades 4 – 6
Special Location: Oberweis, 101 S. Northwest Hwy.
 Meet us at Oberweis to talk about what you're reading, get great book recommendations, and enjoy a delicious ice cream treat on us!

Monday, September 17 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, September 1. Max: 12.

Monday, October 22 | 4 – 4:45 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, October 6. Max: 12.

Family Book Discussions:

Special Location: Maine Park Leisure Center
 2701 W. Sibley Ave.

We invite young readers along with one or more adults to read these books together and share their experiences. Pizza will be served. Visit the Children's Services Department to check out your copy of the book.

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume
Grades 1 – 3 with one or more adult
Thursday, October 4 | 6:30 – 7:15
Registration begins September 1. Max: 10 kids with adults.

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
Grades 4 – 8 with one or more adult
Thursday, October 11 | 6:30 – 7:15
Registration begins September 1. Max: 10 kids with adults.

STEAMagination | Ages 6 – 12
Friday, October 12
4 – 5:00 p.m.

2nd Floor

We'll provide the materials; you provide the curiosity in this self-guided exploration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) concepts. *Drop in anytime between 4 and 5:00.*

Murder Mystery Party! | Grades 4 – 6
Friday, October 19 OR Friday, October 26
5:45 – 7:15 p.m.

2nd Floor

Do you like to role play and solve mysteries? Join us after hours in the Library for a murder mystery party!
Registration begins Saturday, September 8. Max: 20.

Programs for All Ages

Crafternoons
Friday, October 26
4 – 5:00 p.m.

2nd Floor

Come make a craft in the Children's Department!
Drop in anytime between 4 and 5:00.

Family Mobile Makerspace Drop-In
Saturday, October 27
2nd floor | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Families are invited to stop by to explore our Mobile Makerspace and engage in fun and exciting STEAM activities. *This program is designed for kids ages 4 - 12 and their families (siblings welcome). Drop in.*

Featured Programs & Events

Reading Patch Club

Preschool – Grade 6
September 4 – May 31

Join the Reading Patch Club and earn special patches for reading throughout the school year! Collect as many patches as you can by the end of 6th grade. This is a great program to join year after year so you can collect all of the patches!

Costumed Pet Parade

All Ages
Saturday, October 6
11 – 11:45 a.m. in front of the Library

Calling all pet owners, the Costumed Pet Parade is back! Kick off the fall season with a march around the Library grounds. Treats for pets and owners will be served after the parade. Awards will be given for three different costume categories. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. *Weather permitting. Drop in.*

Trick or Treat at the Library

All Ages
Wednesday, October 31 | 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Stop in anytime all day! Show us your costume at each of the public desks to get a treat.



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Teen Loft (847) 720-3286

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Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Library Closed:

Sunday, September 2

Monday, September 3

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